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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: SUWAIRA HEAVY ENGINEERING  
COMPLEX

REF: (A) STATE 222438 (NOTAL), (B) BAGHDAD 969 (NOTAL),  
(C) STATE 090638 (NOTALLN (D) 75 BAGHDAD 1074 (NOTAL),  
(E) 75 BAGHDAD 147 (NOTAL)

1. IN REPLY TO REF A, WE ARE PROVIDING FOLLOWING SUMMARY  
OF BACKGROUND OF SUWAIRA INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX, INFORMATION  
BELOW UPDATES REFS B, D, AND E.

2. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: SINCE 1974 GOI HAS BEEN  
PLANNING A HEAVY ENGINEERING COMPLEX AT SUWAIRA. INITIALLY  
COMPLEX IS EXPECTED TO HAVE ANNUAL CAPACITY FOR 15,000  
DIESEL ENGINES, 2,500 WATER PUMPS AND 2,000 TONS OF VALVES.  
OTHER UNITS WILL BE ADDED LATER.

3. THE CORE OF THE PROJECT WILL BE A CENTRAL FOUNDRY WITH  
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AN ANNUAL CAPACITY OF 110,000 TONS OF FERROUS AND NON-

FERROUS (INCLUDING ALUMINUM) PRODUCTS. THE FOUNDRY WILL ALSO SUPPLY CASTINGS TO GOI INDUSTRIAL UNITS ELSEWHERE. THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PROJECT WILL ALSO INCLUDE A FORGE.

4. HISTORY AND STATUS OF PROJECT. STATE ORGANIZATION FOR INDUSTRIAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION (SOIDC) REQUESTED FOREIGN COMPANIES IN EARLY 1975 (SEE REF E) TO REGISTER THEIR INTEREST. SUBSEQUENTLY, HOWEVER, THE STATE ORGANIZATION FOR ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES BEGAN A REVIEW OF THE ENTIRE PROJECT, AND IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM TECHNICAL DATA PRIOR TO COMPILING DETAILED TENDER DOCUMENTS, IT IN FALL 1975 ISSUED INVITATIONS FOR COMPANIES TO SUBMIT A "PRELIMINARY PROJECT OFFER AND STUDY" FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRAL FOUNDRY (SEE REF D). NO ALLOCATION FOR THE SUWAIRA PROJECT WAS MADE IN THE 1976 INVESTMENT PROGRAM, AND WE UNDERSTAND PROJECT IS STILL UNDER REVIEW. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD, HOWEVER, THAT CENTRAL FOUNDRY IS LIKELY TO BE INCLUDED IN 1976-80 FIVE YEAR PLAN WHEN IT IS ANNOUNCED.

5. SPECIFIC QUESTIONS IN REF A:

(A) WE PRESUME "GENERAL TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR TENDER ON FOUNDRY" IS TECHNICAL INFORMATION INCLUDED IN FALL 1975 "PRELIMINARY PROJECT OFFER AND STUDY", BUT WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION WITH INTERESTED US FIRM. IT WOULD ALSO FACILITATE USINT FOLLOW UP IF USDOC CAN PROVIDE NAME OF COMPANY.

(B) SUWAIRA IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 80 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF BAGHDAD NEAR THE TIGRIS RIVER.

6. AS PROJECT IS STILL IN PLANNING AND REVIEW STAGES WE STILL ADVISE INTERESTED US COMPANIES TO CONTACT

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